

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING
A SPLICING TAPE TO A ROLL OF SHEET MATERIAL**

Abstract of the Disclosure

- 5 Methods and apparatus for applying a flying splicing tape to a roll of
sheet material. A preferred embodiment of the invention provides methods and
apparatus for lifting a portion of the outer-most layer of sheet material away
from a roll of sheet material to form a lifted portion of the outer-most layer,
applying a splicing tape to a wound portion of the roll, and applying pressure to
10 the lifted portion of the outer-most layer to progressively place the lifted portion
of the outer-most layer in contact with the remainder of the roll and the splicing
tape.